Live News and Fresh Gossip From the Cities and Towns of Virginia.

EXONERATES HIS BROTHER

Ben Adams in Critical Con-

GIACOMO GATTO'S SUICIDE

de Leit Letters Stating that He Took His Life Because Two Innocent Men were in Prison in France for a Orime He Had Committed.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) NORFOLK, VA., Feb. 13.—Ben. Adams, the nuncteen-year-old som of County Constable B. F. Adams, who was shot at West Norfolk last night by his brother, Percy F. Adams, is now at St. Vincent's Hospital, this city.

His condition is desperate, and it is not believed that he can live through to-night. The bullet from Adams' brother's pistol penetrated his abdomen and has not been found.

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The wounded boy, before being moved from his home, in West Norfolk, this morning, called to his bedside his brother Percy and said to the latter that he forgave him for all he had done, and told his brother that it was his desire if death had to come, that he (Percy) should never blame himself once for the shooting. Ben axonerated Percy freely, saying that he would most certainly have killed Percy had the later not used his pistol when he leaped at him last night with the meat cleaver.

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Percy Adams is inst nineteen. Percy old and Ben is just nineteen. Percy Adams will not be arrested. He was so overcome by the tragedy this morning that he could not come to Norfolk with his brother, and remained with his mother and father at their home in West Norfolk.

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CAUSE OF SUICIDE.

Glacomo Gatto, the young Italian shoemaker, who committed suicide under the street railway trestle over Mahone Lake Canal Wednesday by putting a pistol bullet through his brain, left two letters, in which he stated that two innocent men are now serving a life sentence in Prance for a crime of which he was guilty, and being unable to stand the strain any longer he had been compelled to put an end to his life. One of the letters is said to have been addeessed to parties in France, where the two men referred to are in prison, and Gatto asks in the letters that the French government be informed of the innocence of those now in prison, so that they may be released. The second letter was to a friend of the deceased in Norfolk, telling him of the conditions which caused the act. The crime in France is said to have been committed six years ago.

Charles Gatto, brother of the suicide,

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Charles Gatto, brother of the suicide, admitted that his brother lived in Marsellies at the alleged time, and that in this year he had received a letter from his father in Italy, asking him if he fid not want his brother to come on here and blin him. No reference was here and help him. No reference was nade in this letter to his brother havng committed any crime, and he re-plied that he did not want his brother

None of the Italians in this city can dive the names of the persons who were sonvicted of the alleged crime, nor can they give the name of the murdered man. They maintain, however, that this was the cause of Gatto's act, and that the crime had been preying on his nind since 1896, which accounted for his vesselve drinking and his morose manexcessive drinking and his morose man-

Captain M. H. Prince has sent a writlery-answer to the Police Commission
which sent a written request for his
resignation. He says that he will not
state the commissioners. They will not
state its resignation in presents. There is no question, however,
that the letter is tantamount to a refusal to resign, and a request for charges
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or a demand for the grounds on which the resignation is asked. That is the position the commissioners invite, because it is said by those who know that the commissioners have prepared a case against Capitain Prince.

Capiain M. H. Prince, for whose resignation the Police Commissioners have asked, was attending to his usual duties at police headquarters this moraling, when asked what his intentions are in regard to the investigation of his record and to the efforts of the commissioners to put him out of the position to which they appointed him, he said: "I have nothing to fear." He seemed thoroughly tonfident of his position, and said he sould see his lawyer to consult about the situation this morning. The situation will be interesting when the quarrel between the commissioners and their hiefer appointee begins in earnest and in public.

NEGRO CAUGHT.

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John Coleman was caught a short time after he had held up another negre and robbed him of \$20. William Shelton arrived here from New York on the O'd Dominion steamer this morning. He was accosted by Coleman and robbed of his pocket-book before he knew of the present of Coleman can but was the pocket-book before he knew of the present of Coleman can but was Dominion steamer this morning. He was accessed by Coleman and robbed of his pocket-book before he knew of the presence of Coleman. Coleman run, but was aursued several blocks till he ran into in office building on Bank Street and pariesed himself in a room on the hird floor. The police broke into the room and found some of the money in Coleman's mouth. On his hand was a severe cut, and there was a pistol wound in his leg. The police believe they have aught one of the bold robbers who have given so much trouble of late. Sheldon is a well-dressed man, who says he has been at work in New York and is on his way for a visit to his home in Richmond. He will be detained as a wilness. Levy Walker was on trial for the third time to-day for murder, Twice he has had a mistrial for killing Walter Gray. He accused Gray of ruining his sister, and was looking for him and for another man for the same offense, when, seeling them together last February he red at one man and hit he other. There and been a number of quarrels, and the leatinony is difficult and conflicting. Atesnifine the brincipal wilness against Walker has fled from the city, because there are charges against him, which he does not wish to face. The jury after considering the Walker case this afternoon falled to agree and was discharged. Commonwealth's Attorney Tilton has heretofore announced that he purposes to bring the Walker case to trial untia verdict of some kind is reached.

TRUANT HUSBAND WANTED.

Mabel Inman, of Seattle, Wash, writes to the chief of police to detect and defan her truant husband. Ed. Inman, she may that he has come here to be with a former wife. The letter is stathete and the woman seems auxious to reclaim her roaming husband. It is one of the numericus cases that come to the police head quarters, with which he had to make the procession of the ment of the morning husband. It is one of the numericus cases that come to the police head quarters, with which he had to pay his salary. Bleps are being taken to the police head quarters, with whi

ment has nothing to do, and for which there is no redress.

The suit of Mrs. Sarah E. Hubbell for \$1,000 against city of Norfolk was tried in the Court of Law and Chancery to-day. She alleges that she was hurt in May because of obstructions left on the sidewalk of Butte Street, which was being rapaired by the city. The pavement was torn up and there were no light, hence she fell over the obstructions, spraining her ankle and hurting her hip.

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Saloon property is depreciating rapidly in consequence of the crusade in progress here. When one of the liquor dealers offered his saloon for sale to an agent today, the agent showed a list of fifteen that were already on the list for sale. There were heavy fines imposed against two more saloon keepers this morning in the Folice Court on the charge of selling liquor on Sunday during January. These cases and nearly all the others have been appealed to the Corporation Court, where they will be tried before a jury, and where the evidence of the detectives is never so strong as it is in tectives is never so strong as it is in the Police Court,

'VARSITY BASE-BALL

Schedule of Games Arranged for the

Coming Season. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
UNIVERSITY OF VIRGINIA, February 13 .- Mr. Armistead M. Dobie, of Norfolk, manager of the Varsity basebail team, to-day announced the following excellent schedule of games for the forthcoming season. As will be seen, the schedule is an extensive one, including contests with nearly every prominent cellege in the East. Of the twenty-nine games arranged, twenty-one are to take place at the University, much to the delight of the student body. The schedule compete is as follows:

Saturday, March 14th-Miller School, at Charlottesville.

Tuesday, March 17th-Woodberry Forest School, at Charlottesville.

Thursday, March 19th-Locust Dale School, at Charlottesville.

Thursday, March 23th-Lafayette, at Charlottesville.

Friday, March 27th-Lafayette, at Charlottesville.

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Monday, March 30th-Brown University, at Charlottesville. Norfolk, manager of the 'Varsity base-

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Tuesday, March 31st—Pennsylvania, at Charlottesville. Wednesday, April 1st-Pennsylvania, at Charlottesville

Enturday, April 4th-Gettysburg College, at Charlottesville nday, April 6th-Syracuse University, at Charlottesville Wednesday, April 8th-Cornell, at Char-

Thursday, April 9th-Lehigh, at Char-Saturday, April 11th-Yale, at Norfolk. Monday, April 13th-Yale, at Charlottes-

Tuesday, April 14th-Princeton, at Char Wednesday, April 15th-Princeton, at Charlottesville

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Saturday, April 18th—Virginia Military
Institute, at Charlottesville.

Tuesday, April 21st—Dickinson College,

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Monday, April 27th—Virginia Polytechnic Institute, at Lynchburg.

Tuesday, April 28th—Trinity College, at Durham, N. C.

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A. M. DOBIE, Manager.

TREE FELL ON HIM

Third Accident of the Kind on a Prince Edward Farm.

Edward Farm.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FARMVILLE, VA., Fobruary 13.—
A serious accident happened to William Hodnitt, an employe of C. G. Weaver, of Mt. Leigh, this week. While getting timber, a tree fell on him, knocking out one of his eyes, mangling his body, and paralyzing his limbs. He is in a very critical condition. This makes the third accident of this knd that has happened on the farm of Mr. Weaver in the last few years. One of those injured, Willie Yernon, was killed instantly.

Memorial to Dr. J. F. Deans.

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WINDSOIL, VA., February 12.—The Windsor Academy Literary Society held excrejses to-night as a memorial of Rev. Joseph F. Deans. Eulogies were delivered by representatives of the old and present student body.

WITH DECISION

Newport News Chief of Police Does Not Agree with Justice Crutchfield.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
NEWPORT NEWS, VA., Chief of Police Johnson announced to-day that he

IN VIRGINIA

Conference of Presidents and Superintendents.

2.012 WHITE INSANE

1,052 Colored Insane Patients at the Central State Hospital at Petersburg, Making a Total for State of 3,064 in State Hospitals.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
PETERSBURG, VA., February 13.—The presidents of the boards of directors and the superintendents of the hospitals for the insane in Virginia held their fourth annual meeting at the Central State Hospital, near Petersburg, to-day, as required by law. There were present Judge James by law. There were present Judge James L. Treadway, Pitisylvania county, president Board of Directors, and Dr. Benjamin Blackford, superintendent Western State Hospital; Captain J. G. Osborne, of Radford, president Board of Directors, and Dr. R. A. Preston, superintendent Southwestern Hospital; Captain T. McCracken, of Fredericksburg, president Board of Directors, and Dr. L. G. Foster, Superintendent Eastern State Hospital, and Robert Gilliam, of Petersburg, president Board of Directors, and Dr. W. F. Drewry, superintendent Central State Hospital.

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These meetings are held for the purpose of systematizing methods of keeping accounts, books, records, making reports, statistical tables and otherwise systematizing as far as practicable the management of hospitals.

Great good is accomplished at these meetings by the exchange of ideas and by bringing the officials of the several hospitals in closer contact. By them a feeling of brotherhood is brought about and harmonious action. Much good results to the insane of the State.

Reports to-day showed that there are 1,055 patients at the Western Hospital; 29 at Southwestern, 518 at Eastern, a total of 2,012 insane white people in Virginia. Central State Hospital reported 1,052 colored patients, making a total of 3,054. There are only four white insane in the fails of the State and no colored. The Southwestern Hospital is not overcrowded, the Western is crowded, and the Eastern somewhat crowded, pending the completion of its building.

When completed, which it will be within a month, the congestion that now exists at the white hospitals will be relieved. There is no occasion for alarm as to the accommodation of the white insane during the present year. There are wery few vacancies at the Central State Hospital. Every hospital in the State is in a satisfactory condition.

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The block in the Appomattox River due
to sand bars may have more effect than
to hinder temporarily shipments by water
from Petersburg. The government recentily appropriated a large sum of money
for deflecting the water from the Appomattox River, so that a proper channel
depth could be maintained. This work
has not yet begun, and it would probably
take two or three years to complete it
after it was begun. Meantime the city's
commerce is suffering on account of the after it was begun. Meantime the city's commerce is suffering on account of the sand bars in Appomatiox River below the city, which are not properly dredged. The large barge "Junietta," loaded with lumber for Baltimore, ran upon a sand bar just below the city and remained there all night. The steamer Lakewood, which has temporarily taken the place of the steamer McCall, left Petersburg on schedule time vesterday morning, but ran aground on the bar, where it remained all day. The barge William Donaldson is now lying at the whart ready

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The barge is just loaded at two-thirds its capacity, but even with this light load is unable to pass the sand bar.

The boat captains are complaining free' ly about the condition that exists in the Appomattox, and they do not hesitate to say that the shipping of Petersburg will be transfered to other points unless there is permanent relief. The owners of the barges now in the river have communicated with other of their barges on the way, ordering them not to come to Petersburg. Major Quinn is absent from Norfolk and cannot be communicated with a cannot be communicated with a cannot be communicated with a cannot be communicated with other of their barges on the way, ordering them not to come to Petersburg. Major Quinn is absent from Norfolk and cannot be communicated with a cannot be communicated with the communicated with the will be done cannot now be said. To delay to shipcannot now be said. To delay to ship-ping affects about two hundred work-

DISORDERLY NOISES. The Mayor has published an ordinance in reference to the punishment of those making disorderly noises in the streets of the city and annoying and disturbing the citizens, and has instructed the po-

the citizens, and has instructed the po-lice to carry out the ordinance in full. Any boys or other persons caught annoy-ing people by lifting gates and ringing door bells will be arrested and punished according to the ordinance.

Rev. J. Francis Ribble, the new rector of St. John's Church in this city, has arrived in Petersburg, and will hold his first service at the church next Sunday morning.

morning.
Mr. R. E. Eanes has been awarded the contract for a residence to be built on Washington Street, opposite the ball park, for Mr. J. A. Bacter. PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT.

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PHYSICAL DEPARTMENT.

The committee recently appointed in the interest of special features of the physical department of the Voung Men's Christian Association made their report to-night after the reception by the members of the association to their friends. A programme of vocal and instrumental music was rendered and a short talk was made by Mr. Seward, his subject being "Getting On In the World."

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been so extremely sick for nearly two months, are now almost well again. For persons of their advanced are their recovery is rather remarkable. Rev. R. Atwell Tucker, who has been here for the past six weeks with his parents, has returned to his field of labor in Brunswick county. Dr. Pitt Edward Tucker will also leave in a few days.

AT YORKTOWN

The Training Ship Lancaster Will Take on a New Crew.

(Special to The Times Dispatch.)
YORKTOWN, VA., February 13.—The (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
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United States training ship Lancaster
left the harbor this morning for Newport
News. It is understood she has orders
while on this trip to remain at Nowport News for three days and receive
an entire new complement of scamen
and apprentices in her crew. The time
of enlistment of her present crew expires
in the next day or two. She will return
about the middle of the coming week and
assume her present anchorage, becoming
a fixture until about April 1st, unless orders to the contrary are received.

Mr. J. W. Clements, Mr. Thomas
Lackey and Mr. J. W. Rogers have been
selected by heirs of the McCandlish estate to meet and estimate the value of
the old mansion with two acres of land
attached, so that one of the legatees may
be able to purchase the property and do
what is necessary to protect the famous
old homestead from the ravages of time.
This is the ante-bellum home of Colonel
McCandlish, who played such an important part in York county's history before the war.

IN MARION

Methodist Young People's Board of

Missions in Session.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

MARION, VA., February II.—The midveat meeting of the Boards of Missions of the Epworth Leagues and Sunday-schools of the Holston Methodist Conference has reen in session here this week, and a ber of prominent ministers and laymer



of Lynchburg, who is prominently mentioned for the pastorate of Tremont Temple in Boston, one of the largest Baptist churches in the country.

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A large force of hands is at work on the Marlon and Rye Valley Ratiroad extension, and the work is being pushed, despite bad weather, by those in charge. Work on the Grayson end of the road has been suspended until spring, as but little more grading remains to be done on that section.

Judge George W. Richardson bought the McMullen place this week, paying \$5,000 cash. This place, some four miles west of Marion, was the home of the famous politician, Governor McMullen, and way bought from his daughter, who now resides at Winston, N. C.

COL. HOGE'S CONDITION

Somewhat Improved, but Regarded as Very Critical Yesterday.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.) ROANOKE, VA., February 13 .- The consomewhat improved to-night. It was alarming this morning, and the report was circulated in the city that he had passed away. A telegram was received yesterday from President Roosevelt, incuiring about his condition. At midnight the report from the sick-room was that he was resting more easily.

Hamlin Given Five Years,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
EASTVILLE, VA., February 18.—In the trial of Larry Hamlin for the killing of Robert Bundlek, colored, going on in the court here, the jury to-day brought in a verdict of guilty and fixed his term in the penitentiary at five years. An appeal has been taken to the Circuit Court.

SCHOOLBOY KILLED BY MOUNTAIN GIRL

Blanche Collins in Jail at Oceana on Charge of Murdering Boy,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ROANOKE, VA., Feb. 13.—Miss
Blanche Collins, a sixteen-year-old
mountain girl, whose parents reside in Wyoming county, W. Va., near the Virginia and Kentucky State lines, is in fall at Oceana, charged with the murder of Frank Hendrix, a sover-year-old

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(Special to The Times-Dispatch,)

LOWESVILLE, VA., February 18.—Mr, and Mrs. W. Dillard Tucker, who have

BIRTHDAY OF WASHINGTON

Gov. Montague Will Take Part in the Alexandria Parade.

MILITARY PREPARATIONS

The Affair Promises to Eclipse Anything of the Kind Ever Before Given in Alexandria-Eleven Brass Bands to Supply the Music.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
ALEXANDRIA, VA., February 13.-Governor Montague has accepted an invi tation to be present and participate in the parade to be held in this city or Monday, February 23d, in observance Washington's birthday. A committee consisting of Mr. Harry Hammond, s member of the Executive Committee of he parade, and State Senator S. R. Donohoe and Delegate James R. Caton the latter of this city, waited upon Gov

the latter of this city, waited upon Governor Montague yesterday, and he finally consumed to come. The citizens are glad to learn that the Governor has accepted the invitation.

The parade has now assumed unlooked for proportions, and the hopes of the most sangthe have been realized. The affair promises to colipse anything of the kind ever before given in this city. It will be a military and civic parade. A large number of business houses will have floats in the procession. Nearly every secret and social organization in the city have accepted invitations to participate. A large number of Washington organizations will also take part. Military companies from Washington, Richmond, charlostexylle and other cities will also panies from Washington, Richmond, Charlottesville and other cities will also participate. The railroads have reduced rates for the occasion. Eleven brass bands are now assured, and the commitbands are now assured, and the commit-tee are working hard to secure more. Among the bands to take part is the Stonewall Band, of Siaunton, Va., who will bring twenty-five men. A large num-ber of United States troops, together with military bands, will participate. The citizens have been requested to decorate the houses and places of busi-ness for the occasion. The members of the Foaord of Aldermen and City Coun-cil will ride in carriages. It is expectcil will ride in carriages. It is expect ed that there will be many out-of-town visitors present, owing to reduced rail-road rates. At night a german will be given in honor of the visiting participants by the Alexandria German Club and numbers of other private citizens have arranged to entertain visitors. The Entertainment Committee is preparing to feed several thousand uniformed men In Armory Hall on the day of the pro

The various committees are leaving nothing undone which might mar the pleasure of the visitors and those who attend may be assured of an old time Virginia reception. The committee having charge of the parade will to-morrow open permanent headquarters in the rooms of the Business Men's League from now on until the parade. The headquarters will be open from S o'clock in the afternoon until 10 o'clock at night. The official programme for the parade has not yet been announced. Major W. M. Smith, however, will be in command. The various committees are leaving

CHARLOTTE GAME PRESERVE

An English Gentleman Has a Well Stocked Hunting Ground. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
DRAKE'S BRANCH, VA., Feb. 13.-

The game preserve near here is growing The game preserve near here is growing in favor and notoriety every day. Some two years ago a Mr. Maul, an English gentleman, in quest of health, came to this place. He was so well pleased that he purchased a small farm and leased the hunting privilege for years of several thousand acres of land from parties owning lands adjoining his farm, which are posted and well guarded. Birds and turkeys are plentiful and some duck and deer. During the season he has been visited by quite a number of sportsmen from the the North, who were pleased with the results of the hunt, as

sportsmen from the the North, who were pleased with the results of the hunt, as well as the favorable environments of the hunting grounds.

One special and interesting feature of this enterprise is the raising of pheasants, Already a good many have been turned loose, and Mr. Maul is very hopeful that in a few years the preserve will be well stocked with pheasants. If so, it will bring him quite a revenue besides advertising this section of our State.

Despite excessive and continued rains the wheat crop generally is looking well. Despite excessive and continued rains the wheat crop generally is looking well. Some few plant beds are being turned, and soon the smoke and blaze, seen both day and night, will be evidence that the first work for a crop has begun in earnest.

AT LEXINGTON

Rev. S. B. McConnell Will Deliver the Annual Y. M. C. A. Address. (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LEXINGTON, VA., Feb. 13.—The an-

nual address before the Young Mon's
Christian Association of Washington
and Lee University at the commencement in June next will be made by Rev.
S. B. McConnell, D. D., rector of All
Souls' Episcopal Church, New York
city. Dr. McConnell is pleasantly recalled as one of the speakers who took
part in the meeting of the "Ogden party" at the university last spring on the
occasion of their visit to Lexington.
Sixteen 'phone holders on the line
known as Collierstown Line, No. 5, otherwise the Rockbridge Telephone Company, have purchased that line of
Messrs. A. S. Monigomery and A. Elhart. This sale gives another company
in the Buffalo District the right to
come into Lexington and connect with
the switchboard of the Lexington Mutual Telephone Company, since the
Rockbridge company controlled that privliege. The price paid was \$610.

Another new line is being organized
for the vicinity of Kerr's Creek, fifteen
subscribers already having been secured. nual address before the Young Men's

PARSON BURROUGHS

Bristol's Ministers' Association Takes a Shot at His Matrimonial Mecca.

(Special to The Times-Disputch.) BRISTOL, VA., Feb. 13.—After ly fourteen years of undisturbed prosperity in the business of marrying runperity in the business of marrying run-away couples from Virginia and West Virginia, Rev. Alfred Bur-roughs finds what appears to be trouble ahead. The pastors of the va-rious churches have organized a minis-ters' association, and one of the latest movements of that organization is in the nature of a shot at Parson Bur-roughs' long-established mecca. The as-sociation has passed strong resolutions

condemning the indiscriminate marrying of runaway couples as both undesirable and dangerous, and urges that some action be taken to suppress the prac-

action be taken to suppress the practice.

Notwithstanding these resolutions, Parson Burroughs continues to do a fourishing business, and is making some money out of the practice of marrying any sort of a couple that may seek and find his mecca. He will soon have married 1,500 couples from the two Virginias, and these couples for the most part have been minors, who encountered opposition at home and could not marry there, owing to the stringent laws regulating marriage.

AN AUGUSTA ROMANCE

Were Engaged Over Twenty Years Ago, but Misunderstanding Followed. (Special to The Times Dispatch.)
STAUNTON, VA., February 18.—Mr. T.

V. Weller, of Indiana, but formerly of Augusta county, and Mrs. Ida L. Davis, of this county, were happily married yesterday evening by the Rev. M. L. Wood, of the Baptist Church. The ceremony took place at the home of the bride's aunt, Mrs. Yount, on Main Street, and only a few relatives of the parties were present. Over twenty years ago Mr. Weller and Mrs. Davis, whose malden name was Miss Ida Kyle, were engaged, but after some misunderstanding they separated. Mr. Weller went to Newcastle, Ind., and married, and Miss Kyle also married. Some years ago the hand of death visited both households and they were made single once more. The old love of many years ago was kindled between Mr. Weller and Mrs. Davis a short while ago, and yesterday the happy couple were happily united. Mr. and Mrs. Weller will visit relatives in the county for two or three days, after which they will leave for Newcastle, Ind., their future home. Augusta county, and Mrs. Ida L. Davis.

MOSES-BONITZ

Prominent Lynchburg Man Wins a Bride In Goldsboro, N. C.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
I.YNCHBURG, VA., February 13.—Danici Moses, a prominent business man of Lynchburg, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. Lynchburg, and a son of Mr, and Mrs. W.

R. Moses, of Baltimore, left last night, accompanied by Wirt H. Miller, for Goldsboro, N. C., where to-night at 9 o'clock howas married to Miss Norma A. Bonitz, daughter of the late Julius A. Bonitz, for many years editor and proprietor of the Wilmington (N. C.) Messenger. The ceremony was performed by Rabbi E. N. Callsch, of Richmond. Miss Bonitz had been visiting in Goldsboro, and it was decided to have the wedding there.

(Special to the Times-bispatch.)
SPOTSYLVANIA, VA., Feb. 13.—Mr.
Henry F. Mills, of Caroline county, and
Miss Lucy E. Thomas, of Spotsylvania,
were married at the clerk's office here
yesterday evening, Rev. J. P. H. Crismond, clerk of the courts, officiating.

THE YOUNGEST JUDGE

Judge Joseph Brown Prince, Jr., of Southampton.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
SUFFOLK, VA., Feb. 13.—Joseph Brown Prince. Jr., who yesterday was elected judge of Southampton county, to succeed his father, of the same name, who resigned because of ill hearth, is the youngest county judge in Virginia. is twenty-four,

His age is twenty-four, Sheriff Williams says.

The last official act of the retiring furist was to appoint Sheriff Williams as a delegate to the Convention of Corrections and Charities from Southampton county.

Judge Prince was a popular officer, and his physical condition is the occasion of much regret on the part of his friends.

YARD ENGINE WRECKED

Accident Near the Union Station in Lynchburg Delays Travel,

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
LYNCHBURG, VA., February 13.-A yard engine and tender were wrecked on the Southern Railroad this afternoon near the union station, while switching freight cars to the Norfolk and Western. Passenger trains were delayed sev-cral hours. The tender "split" the switch and was thrown to one side of the track while the engine was thrown on the other side and plowed up a ditch a foot in depth. Engineer Lacy and Fireman Ballard jumped in time to save themselves from injury.

Sold Liquor in Louisa.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

LOUISA, VA., Feb. 13.—Virgil JohnRev. J. R. Thomas, pastor of the Baptist Church at Colonial Beach, Westthis morning on the charge of having moreland county, and saveral churches son was arraigned in the Mayor's Court this morning on the charge of having sold whiskey to J. C. Trice in the town of Louisa, on court-day, February Dth. The case was continued for thirty days without going into the testimony, for the purpose of giving the authorities time to investigate a charge made under oath by Johnson against B. M. Hogg, a saloon man of Goochland county, who has been a regular attendant at the monthly terms of the Louisa courts for some years. Johnson swears that he bought whiskey from Hogg on the streets of Louisa on two different occasions since the town went dry. Upon this information a warrant has been issued for the arrest of Hogg.

Botelourt County Court.

(Special to The Times-Disputch.)

FINCASTLE, VA., February 13.—Bote-

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CHATHAM, VA., February 18.—Jim

Hampton, colored, now in the county jail

awaiting trial for the murder of his sister

on Christmas Eve, will be tried next week.

Hampton claims to be subject to fits at

certain periods of the moon, and committed the crime while in a fit. He has

had fits since his incarceration, and it is

believed this will be his plea.

A telephone message to Rev. C. O. Pruden Friday morning announced that Mrs.

E. C. Glimer, of this place, had suffered

a slight paralytic stroke in Houston, Va.,

where she is now visiting her daughter,

Mrs. Holt Easley.

Knitting Mill at Culpeper.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
CULPEPER, VA., February 13.—The
Culpeper Business Men's Association tonight perfected arrangements with capinight perfected arrangements with cappitalists of New York city, represented by Mr. J. C. Harrington, to commence puting in here a knitting mill right away. The entire capital stock was promptly cubscribed, and the machinery has been ordered. It is the intention to have the large plant working by the first of May next. The mill will employ at the start a hundred hands of both sexes.

MASONS ARE BANQUETED

Large Delegation from Philadelphia at Fredericksburg.

MERIDIAN SUN LODGE, 158

Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, Web comes the Visiting Philadelphians. Banquet Tendered by Ladies of M. W. Hospital Association.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FREDERICKSBURG, VA., Feb. 12.
A large delegation of Philadelphia Masons arrived here on the afternoon train to-day in a special Puliman car, and to night attended a regular meeting of Fredericksburg Lodge, No. 4, and lates were entertained at a banquet by the lodge. The occasion was attended by nearly all of the members of the fra ternity here and was highly interesting. In the ceremonies at the lodge the welcome address was delivered by Circuit Judge J. E. Mason, of this city, in cloquent terms, and responded to by Mr lutions, which had been adopted by Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 158, of Philaleiphia, expressing thanks for a visit of a delegation from this lodge last No-

Meridian Sun Lodge, No. 123, of Philadeiphia, expressing thanks for a visit
of a delegation from this lodge last November, the Ioan of certain Washingston relics, and for the address delivered
by Captain S. J. Quinn, of this city,
before that lodge, were presented by Mr.
John P. Moffitt, of Philadelphia, and accepted in appropriate terms by Mr. Jas.
P. Corbin, of this city.

The visiting Masons were then presented with a captone of a pedestal,
made from a block of marble of the
unfinished monument to Mary, the mother of Washington, for use in Meridian
Sun Lodge, the presentation being
made by Captain S. J. Quinn, of this
city, who is a member of the Grand
Lodge of Virginia, and was received by
Mr. A. Roggenburger, of Philadelphia.

BANQUET AND TOABTS.

At the conclusion of these exercises
the members of the lodge and the visiting Masons repaired to the Exchange
Hotel, where an elegant banquet had
been prepared under the supervision of
the ladies of the Mary Washington Hospital Association. The mehu was an
claborate one and several hours were
spent around the banquet board, during
which the toastmaster, Mr. W. H. Hurkamp, master of the lodge, called for
responses to twelve different sentiments,
the gentlemen responding being Messrs.
Edward A. Stockton, Charles Bowle,
Max Riebenack, Edward Walton, W. S.
Nebig, Asa W. Vandegrift, of Philadelphia; Messrs, A. Randolph Howard, A.
T. Embrey, Rev. George T. Tyler, Judge
John T., Goolrick and Mr. W. D. Carter, of this city.

The last toast, our "Deceased Brethren," was followed by "Auld Lang Syns."

At the conclusion of the banquet the
Philadelphia Masons returned to their
car, where they retired, it having been
arranged for the car to be attached to

an early northbound train Saturday morning. The local committee in charge of the affair and of the invited charge of the anair and of the invited guests was composed of Messrs, W. H. Hurkamp, S. J. Quinn, Maurice Hirsh, A. Randolph Howard, J. T. Lowery, H. H. Johnston, A. P. Rowe, W. C. Stearns, A. T. Embrey and George H. Chewn-

Three negroes of Caroline county cut a white man in a row at a saw mill in Surry county, where they were working a short time ago, and then made their escape. Warrants were sent to Sheriff Gill, of Caroline county, and he has ar-rested all three of the men and lodged them in jail in Rowling Green to await the arrival of an officer from Surry

the arrival of an officer from Surry county.
Charles Galiary (colored), charged with stealing wood in Caroline county, was tried in a magistrate's court and fined S. He appealed the case and was tried in the County Court before Judge E. C. Moncure by a jury, and he was found guilty and fined \$40.

A number of dogs in King Georga county, which were bitten several weeks ago by a mad dog, showed symptoms of rables and had to be killed. Others have been confined to await develop-

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Botetourt County Court.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

FINCASTLE, VA., February 13.—Botetourt County Court opened Monday, February 9th, Judge Breckenridge sitting. In the case of William Wheeler (colored), charged with the murder of young Smiley, the jury rendered a verdiet of acquittal, in the absence of evidence to convict.

The negro boy who was charged with stealing a horse and selling him for \$35 was convicted and got seventeen years in the penitentiary.

Court is still in session, trying a number of cases for violation of the law in regard to the sale of intoxicating liquors. The case of J. I. Jones for the murder of James Crowder will be tried at the March term.

Farmville's Town Clerk (Special to The Times-Dispatch.)
FARMVILLE, VA., February 13.--

FARMVILLE, VA., February 18.—
At a meeting of the Town Council last night, the resignation of Mr. Earnest J. Whitehead as cierk of the Council was accepted, and Mr. Joseph Garland was selected in his place.

The town is in debt, and the Mayor was instructed to borrow money to meet

current expenses.

The Saroty Committee reported fifty houses in the town in a dangerous condition, endangering other property.

Officer Walk Held for Trial.

(Special to The Times-Dispatch.)

BRISTOL, VA., February 18.—Policeman G. M. Walk, whose proliminary trial was concluded in Bristol to-day for the murder of Policeman Childress last Sunday, was sent to jail without the privilega of ball, to await the action of the grand jury. The defense finally surrendered on this point, and introduced no witnesses.